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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6754

BILL NUMBER: HB 1977

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 17, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Defensive Driving School Programs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Friend

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) from requiring a person to attend and complete a defensive driving school program if the person has only committed moving traffic violations by exceeding maximum speed limits.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Prohibiting the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) from requiring a person to attend and complete a defensive driving school program if the person has only committed moving traffic violations by exceeding maximum speed limits may reduce the costs associated with the Defensive Driving School Program. The impact is indeterminable. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

Background Information: Currently, if during any 12-month period, a person has committed moving violations for which the person has: (1) been convicted of at least two traffic misdemeanors; (2) had at least two traffic judgments entered against the person; or (3) been convicted of at least one traffic misdemeanor and has had at least one traffic judgment entered against the person, the BMV may require the person to attend and satisfactorily complete a defensive driving school program. In addition, a court may order a person to attend a defensive driving school program.

In CY 2001, 518,941 citations were issued for speeding. Of these, 512,575 were entered as guilty. In CY 2002, 192,134 citations were issued for speeding, with 190,166 entered as guilty.

Explanation of State Revenues: Revenue from the Defensive Driving School Program has averaged approximately \$668,000 per year over the last five years, with about 26,700 drivers per year participating.

The amount of revenue received or the number of drivers who were required to attend the school solely because of speeding is not known. If speeding violations constitute a major portion of the defensive driving school attendees, this proposal will reduce revenues. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: 2001 and 2002 BMV Citations and Suspensions Report.

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